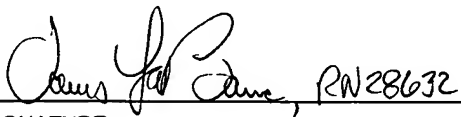



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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2002/010133	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 27 September 2002 (27.09.2002)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED	
TITLE OF INVENTION CLOSING SLIDER AND OPENING/CLOSING SLIDER FOR A PLASTIC BAG			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US ISHIZAKI, Akira			
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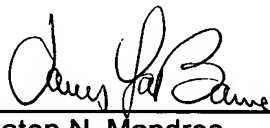
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